of funds. For the current year, funds were available only for acquiring 11,250 wagons in terms of four wheelers.

(c) Procurement of wagons will continue to be guided based on traffic-requirements and funds allocation. Attempts are being made to get more funds this year and if this additional allocation is made then the number of wagons on order will be increased to 15,000 in terms of 4-wheelers against the present order of 11,250.

(d) and (e) Even though the annual installed capacity of wagon building units in the country is stated as 26,040 wagons in terms of four wheelers, the average annual production in the last 10 years has been 11,750 wagons in terms of four wheelers. The ordering of wagons has been to the limit of allocation of funds to the Railways year by year. Due to the financial constraints the numbers ordered on the Wagon Industry is less than the capacity available in the country for wagon manufacture. All these units have by and large alternative lines of production and in the event of inadequate Railway orders for wagons, do other work by obtaining orders/export orders etc. from elsewhere.

Brand names for new Drugs

*255. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
DR. MAHABIR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been a sharp decline in the number of new drugs being introduced in the country owing to Government's refusal to permit the use of brand names; and

(b) whether Government propose to permit brand names for the new drugs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) The entire question of granting approval to the marketing of single ingredient preparations of new drugs either under brand of generic name is *sub judice* in the Supreme Court.

New Medical Colleges in Maharashtra

*256. SHRIMATI RODA MISTRY:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 53 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1984 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government have granted approval to start three private medical colleges in Maharashtra from this year on no grant basis;

(b) whether such permission has also been given by the Indian Medical Council on reference being made to it;

(c) whether any seats are reserved for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in these colleges; and

(d) if so, what is their per-centage and number of such seats?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government of Maharashtra have intimated that 13 and 7 per cent seats have been reserved for SCs/STs respectively, out of 20 per cent seats to be filled by the Government on merit, subject to the payment of the prescribed fee.

Superfast train between New Delhi and Visakhapatnam

*257. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new superfast express train from New Delhi to Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal to introduce a superfast train between New Delhi and Visakhapatnam on account of paucity of resources such as coaches, Diesel Locomotives, line capacity and terminal facilities.

Sugar factories in Maharashtra

*258. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar factories operating in the private and Co-operative sectors, respectively in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of those operating in the backward regions of Konkan, Vidarbha and Marathwada;

(c) what is the number of applications pending for setting up of new sugar factories in the co-operative sector in Maharashtra;

(d) whether any of these applications pertain to the backward regions stated in part (b) above; and

(e) whether the Central Government proposes to help those backward regions to set up more sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) There are 80 installed sugar factories in Maharashtra, 11 in the Private Secter and 69 in Co-operative Sector.

(b) There are a certain number of districts in Maharashtra which have been officially declared backward by the Government of India, some of which lie in the backward regions of Konkan, Vidarbha and Marathwada also. There are 22 installed sugar factories in the various backward districts of Maharashtra.

(c) There are 13 pending applications for setting up new sugar factories in Cooperative sectors from the various districts in Maharashtra.

(d) Some of the applications pertain to the notified backward districts of Maharashtra State.

(e) Subject to the economic feasibility and availability of adequate sugarcane, the Central Government would like to give priority for setting up new sugar factories in backward regions as sugar factories tend to act as powerful rural growth centre.

Completion of Masani Bandh in Haryana

*259. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated cost of Masani Bandh on Saibi Nadi near Rewari in Haryana;

(b) whether the expenditure on this Bandh has now increased disproportionately;

(c) what is the amount of money which has been spent so far, the progress made in completing the Bandh and the area of the land irrigated in 1983-84 from the waters of the Bandh; and

(d) what arrangements Government have made to desilt the bandh areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA): (a) and (b) The State Government has reported that the earlier estimated cost of Rs. 35.96 crores for the Masani Barrage has increased to about Rs. 56 crores due to abnormal increase in land rates, price index and labour rates etc.

(c) the State Government has reported that the expenditure incurred on the work upto June 1984 is Rs. 27 crores and the progress of works as under:—